Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2004. The Office Action rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,175,619 (DeSimone) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,463,414 (Su, et al.) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,445,694 (Swartz). Claims 12-22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant has cancelled rejected claim 11 (claims 1-10 were previously cancelled). Such cancellation of claims is without prejudice and Applicant reserves the right to present these claims in a continuation application.

Applicant has rewritten objected to claims 12 and 13 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. As such, claims 12 and 13 are in condition for allowance. Claims 14-22 all depend upon allowable independent claim 13 and are therefore also allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 12-22 is requested.

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